

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2014-33-T - ORDER NO. 2014-803  
OCTOBER 17, 2014

IN RE: Application of RD Companies, Inc. d/b/a	)	ORDER GRANTING
Affordable Moving Solutions for a Class E	)	CLASS E CERTIFICATE
(Household Goods) Certificate of Public	)	
Convenience and Necessity for Operation of	)	
Motor Vehicle Carrier	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Application of RD Companies, Inc. d/b/a Affordable Moving Solutions (“Applicant”) for a Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Applicant seeks authority to move household goods in Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester Counties, South Carolina. Pursuant to 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817(C)(3)(a), the Applicant timely published notice of this matter in a newspaper of general circulation in the area where authority to operate is sought. No parties intervened, and a hearing on the Application was held on October 1, 2014, in the offices of the Commission.

The parties at the hearing included the Applicant, represented by Robert D. Coble, Esquire, and the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”), represented by Shannon B. Hudson, Esquire. George Parker, Program Manager of the Transportation Department, testified for ORS. During the hearing, Robert Diaz, owner of the applicant company, testified to his knowledge and experience in the moving industry and stated that he was aware of and intended to comply with the Commission’s regulations concerning household goods

movers. For ORS, Parker testified that he found the Application to be in order. Parker also stated that ORS performed an inspection and found the Applicant's equipment to be acceptable.

The Commission also finds the Application to be in order. Additionally, we conclude that Applicant has demonstrated that it is fit, willing, and able to operate as a household goods mover pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-23-330 and 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-133. Furthermore, we find that the public convenience and necessity is not already being served by existing authorized service. Therefore, the Application of RD Companies, Inc. d/b/a Affordable Moving Solutions should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The Application of RD Companies, Inc. d/b/a Affordable Moving Solutions for a Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is approved for the Applicant to transport household goods in Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester Counties. The proposed tariff is also approved, and is attached to this Order as Order Exhibit 1.

2. The Applicant shall file with the Office of Regulatory Staff the proper insurance, safety rating, and other information required by S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-23-10 et. seq. (1976), as amended, and by 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-100 through 103-241 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations for Motor Carriers, as amended, and 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 38-400 through 38-503 (Supp. 2012) of the Department of Public Safety's Rules and Regulations for Motor Carriers, as amended, within ninety (90) days

of the date of this Order, or within such additional time as may be authorized by the Commission.

3. Upon compliance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-23-10 et. seq. (1976), as amended, and the applicable Regulations for Motor Carriers, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. Vol. 10 (1976), as amended, a Certificate shall be issued by the Office of Regulatory Staff authorizing the motor carrier services granted herein.

4. Prior to compliance with the above-referenced requirements and receipt of a Certificate, the motor carrier services authorized by this Order shall not be provided.

5. Failure of the Applicant to either (1) complete the certification process by complying with the Office of Regulatory Staff requirements of causing to be filed with the Commission proof of appropriate insurance and an acceptable safety rating within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order or (2) to request and obtain from the Commission additional time to comply with the requirements of the Commission as stated above, may result in the authorization approved in the Order being revoked.

6. If the Applicant fails to comply with the filing requirements contained herein, this Order granting the Application shall be deemed null and void and the Application herein shall be dismissed without prejudice. In this event, no further order of this Commission is necessary.

7. Pursuant to the two month reporting requirement contained in Order No. 2014-443 (May 21, 2014), the ORS is requested to furnish the name and docket numbers of the Applicant to the Commission, should the Applicant become non-compliant with the present Order. After such notification, the Docket shall be closed.

8. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
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Nikiya Hall, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Swain E. Whitfield, Vice Chairman

(SEAL)

**REGULATIONS AND SCHEDULE OF CHARGES APPLICABLE TO  
CERTAIN INTRASTATE HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVES WITHIN THE  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

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**South Carolina Household Goods Tariff**

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**Applicability of Tariff**

This tariff contains the regulations and rates applicable to the provision of intrastate household goods moved by AFFORDABLE MOVING SOLUTIONS. These services are furnished between points and places in Charleston, Berkley, and Dorchester.

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**SECTION 1**

**1.0 Transportation Charges**

Transportation Charges include the hourly rates as listed below.

**1.1 Hourly Rates and Charges**

Moves will be conducted on a "straight time" basis, with a minimum hourly charge as set out below plus actual travel time. The clock starts at the appropriate hourly rate when the movers leave the AFFORDABLE MOVING SOLUTIONS office location, and includes the movers estimate return time to the office location.

**Number of Movers**

**Hourly Rate**

Two Men and a Truck	\$90.00
Three Men and a Truck	\$120.00
Four Men and a Truck	\$140.00
Each Additional Man	\$20.00 per man/per hour

**1.2 Office Hours / Minimum Hourly Charges:**

AFFORDABLE MOVING SOLUTIONS will operate Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 6:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 8:00am – 4:00pm.

Monday- Friday	Two-Hour Minimum Charge
Saturday- Sunday	Three-Hour Minimum Charge
Recognized Federal Holidays	Three- Hour Minimum Charge

After the minimum hourly charge, the hourly rates are calculated in fifteen-minute increments. Any interim charge is rounded up to the next fifteen-minute increment. If customers cancel within 48 hours of their move, AFFORDABLE MOVING SOLUTIONS will charge the applicable minimum. Hourly rates are the same, seven days a week, 24 hours a day, in every season of the year. Customers are not charged an additional fee for overtime labor.



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**SECTION 2**

**2.0 ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

The following charges shall be assessed in addition to the hourly rates quoted in Section 1 of this tariff, in connection with a move involving additional items:

**2.1 Bulky Article Charges (per item)**

- Floor Model Television (48" or above) - \$120
- Pool Tables- \$275
- Gun cabinet - \$90
- Steel Gun Cabinet (in excess of 400 lbs.) - \$150
- Hot Tubs, Whirlpools - \$250
- Riding Lawnmowers- \$120
- Freezers - \$90
- Flat Screen Televisions (41" or above) \$70.00
- Golf Carts \$150

**2.2 Elevator or Stair Carry**

AFFORDABLE MOVING SOLUTIONS does not charge an additional fee for elevator or stair carry, except as specified in Section 2.1 above.

**2.3 Excessive Distance or Long Carry Charges**

AFFORDABLE MOVING SOLUTIONS does not charge an additional fee for carrying articles an excessive distance to or from the motor vehicle.

**2.4 Pick Up and Delivery**

AFFORDABLE MOVING SOLUTIONS does not charge an additional fee for making additional pickups or deliveries after the initial stop.

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### **2.5 Packing and Unpacking**

**2.5.1** AFFORDABLE MOVING SOLUTIONS does not charge an additional fee for packing and unpacking. The packing rate is the same as the hourly rate listed in Section 1; plus the market price of packing materials, including sales tax on the materials.

**2.5.2** AFFORDABLE MOVING SOLUTIONS is not responsible for items packed by the customer. Boxes containing fragile or breakable items must be properly labeled. ABC MOVING COMPANY reserves the right to decline any moves consisting of extremely large or fragile items.

### **2.6 Piano Charges**

AFFORDABLE MOVING SOLUTIONS will not move pianos.

### **2.7 Articles, Special Servicing**

The rates and charges in this tariff do not include servicing or connection of appliances such as freezers, refrigerators, computer equipment, washers, dryers, televisions, and similar articles.

### **2.8 Waiting Time**

The customer is charged the rates specified in Section 1 for all waiting time or delays which are not the fault of AFFORDABLE MOVING SOLUTIONS.

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**SECTION 3**

**3.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**3.1 Claims**

**3.1.1 All claims for loss, damage or overcharge must be written and should be attached to the Bill of Lading.**

**3.1.2 Claimant must notify carrier of all claims for concealed damage within 30 days of the move. AFFORDABLE MOVING SOLUTIONS must be given reasonable opportunity to inspect damaged items.**

**3.1.3 Although our movers will be careful with your possessions, from time to time damages may occur. If damages are caused by our service, AFFORDABLE MOVING SOLUTIONS reserves the right to repair the damage(s) in question. If we determine that damages can not be repaired, we reserve the right to either replace or compensate (actual cash value) for the damage. If there is damage, notify AFFORDABLE MOVING SOLUTIONS immediately. They will complete a Damage Report before they leave your site. If you discover damage after the move, call the office within 30 days of your move. No damage claims will be honored until the charges for moving services are paid in full. You will be asked to sign a Release of Liability acknowledging this.**

**3.2 Computing Charges**

**AFFORDABLE MOVING SOLUTIONS rates are computed by multiplying the applicable hourly rate by the time as provided in Section 1.**

**3.3 Governing Publications**

**AFFORDABLE MOVING SOLUTIONS rates and charges are governed by the terms and conditions of this tariff, and the Rules and Regulations of the South Carolina Public Service Commission.**

**3.4 Items of Particular Value**

**AFFORDABLE MOVING SOLUTIONS does not assume any liability whatsoever for documents, currency, credit cards, jewelry, watches, precious stones or articles of extraordinary value including accounts, bills, deeds, evidences of debt, securities, notes, postage stamps, stamp collections, trading stamps, revenue stamps, letters or packets of letters, alcoholic beverages, firearms, coin collections, articles of peculiarly inherent or intrinsic value, precious metals or articles manufactured there from.**

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AFFORDABLE MOVING SOLUTIONS will not accept responsibility for safe delivery of such articles if they come into AFFORDABLE MOVING SOLUTIONS' possession with or without AFFORDABLE MOVING SOLUTIONS' knowledge.

**3.5 Bill of Lading, Contract Terms, and Conditions**

Each customer will be provided with a copy of AFFORDABLE MOVING SOLUTIONS' Bill of Lading. The terms and conditions of the Bill of Lading, attached hereto, are hereby incorporated by reference.

**3.6 Delays**

AFFORDABLE MOVING SOLUTIONS shall not be liable for any delays in transporting household goods resulting from an act of God or fault or neglect of any unforeseen entities.

**SECTION 4**

**4.0 PROMOTIONS**

AFFORDABLE MOVING SOLUTIONS shall apply the following promotions, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory fashion:

**4.1 Military/Senior Citizens**

A promotional rate of normal hourly service charges for moving, packing and unpacking items listed below will be applied for customers who are active duty military, disabled veterans, and senior citizens that provide proper proof of same. Extra chargeable items will follow rates in Section 2. 2.1. Moves will be conducted on a "straight time" basis, with a minimum hourly charge as set out in Section 1.2 plus actual travel time. The clock starts at the appropriate hourly rate when the movers leave the AFFORDABLE MOVING SOLUTIONS office location, and the movers estimate return time to the office location. The hourly rates and charges are indicated below:

**Number of Movers**

**Hourly Rate**

Two Men and a Truck	\$85.50
Three Men and a Truck	\$114.00
Four Men and a Truck	\$133.00
Each Additional Man	\$19.00 per man/per hour